

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

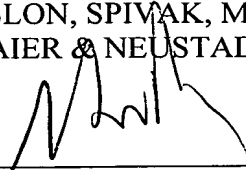
Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Rejected Claims 21-24 have been cancelled, leaving only allowed Claims 1, 2, 5-15  
and 18-20.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for  
allowance and respectfully solicit an early notice of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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